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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CONSTANTIN ET AL.

Examiner

Houshang Safaipoor

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-9 and 20-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's amendment filed on February 23, 2006 has been entered and made of record.

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claims 6 and 10-19 are cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,666,210).

Regarding claim 1, Yanai et al. discloses a receiver controlled method for processing at least one document, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing at least one processing step to be performed on said at least one document (col. 12, lines 1-9);

(b) providing at least one document classification (emergency) to be associated with an at least one document processing profile (col. 13, lines 34-43);

(c) providing at least one document subclassification (rank of emergency, col. 13, lines 34-43)

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(d) creating said at least one document processing profile by associating at least one of said at least one processing steps therewith (col. 13, lines 34-48); and

(e) associating each at least one document classification with one of said at least one document processing profile (col. 13, lines 43-48).

Regarding claim 2, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is a predefined step (col. 12, lines 29-34).

Regarding claim 3, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is a step defined by said receiver (col. 12, lines 29-34).

Regarding claim 4, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, wherein said at least one processing step is storing said document in a memory (col. 12, lines 42-46);

Regarding claims 5 and 9, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assigning an identifier to each said at least one document classification (identifier 1, col. 13, lines 34-43).

Regarding claim 7, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of associating said at least one processing step with each said at least one document subclassification (col. 13, lines 43-48).

Regarding claim 8, Yanai et al. discloses the method of claim 1, further comprising the step of assigning an identifier to each said at least one document subclassification (rank of emergency, col. 13, lines 40-48).

2. *Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 20-25 are allowed for the reason that the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, a receiver “providing access to at least one document classification identifier to a sender, said sender printing said at least one document classification identifier on a document to be sent as a sent document using a digital scanner and transceiver”.

Claims 26-31 are allowed for the reason that the prior art does not teach in claimed combination, a receiver “providing access to at least one document classification identifier to a sender, said sender printing said at least one document classification identifier on a document to be sent as a sent document using a digital scanner and transceiver” and at the receiver “processing said sent document according to processing steps associated with said at least one document classification identifier”.


3. *Contact Information*

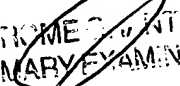
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Houshang Safaipoor whose telephone number is (571)272-7412. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thurs. from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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